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HCHS hires new coach

After almost four months of searching, Superintendent Kenny Wilson and High School Principal Larry Farlee have found a coach for the Lady Falcons' basketball team.

David Dixon, a Hickman County native and resident of Columbus, agreed to fill the role on Friday afternoon. He graduated from Hickman County High School in 1977 and is currently working as the youth pastor for Columbus Baptist Church. Dixon is very athletic and, according to Wilson, "Probably the best ping-

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David Dixon





BBQ - A great time was had by many on Wednesday night at the annual Cayce United Methodist Church BBQ. According to Nancy Sheehan, the money raised is going towards their building fund. Church members were very glad to have volleyball players from Hickman County there to help out. Above: Nataly Owens, Siera Minor, Chanise Thomas, Joanna Fuller, Kennedy Yarbro, and Courtney Callier from the Hickman County volleyball team. Right: David and Lilly Kimbell make their way through the serving line.

HCEDA holds quarterly meeting

Daniel Richardson

On Thursday afternoon, the Hickman County Economic Development Authority held their quarterly meeting in the office of Judge/ Esecutive Greg Pruitt. With all members in attendance, Chairman Tommy Roberts presided over the meeting.

During the meeting, Hickman County Judge/ Executive Greg Pruitt gave several reports to the board. Pruitt, who also serves as secretary/treasurer of the Economic Development Authority, said that Eddie Crittendon of FCHCEDP (Fulton County - Hickman County Economic Developement Partnership) had reported that three of four companies would shortly be sending representatives to the two counties to shop for potential manufacturing sites.

Pruitt told members at the meeting that he had plans to go to Frankfurt the following week and meet with Gov. Beshear on Tuesday morning to discuss the economic well-being of Hickman County, as well as the Kentucky Great River Region Organization (KYGRRO). While speaking of the KYGRRO, Pruitt mentioned that there w a s an effort in place to create a 61 mile equestrian trail running from Ballard

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Bella is born!

Precious the Pony gives birth to mule-pony mix

Sheri Roberts

Last week's article on the Henley Hens was truly inspirational, but this week's human interest story is in one word - PRECIOUS.

Many of our readers have enjoyed the Precious Pony books by local writer Jenna Rushing. On Friday the 13th, a new chapter happened in Precious' life - a baby!

Gleen and Jenna Rushing live approximately two miles from Clinton on Hwy. 58. Glen takes care of five miniature ponies, one miniature mule, three dogs, and now a miniature jack pony. As you can imagine, this takes a great deal of his time. Several years ago, the couple ran a miniature animal farm. That required so much time and expense, they had to eventually close it. My grandchildren loved to visit because they saw animals they had no other chance to see. When I took three of my grandchildren for the first time, I bought them the Precious Pony books, and they were thrilled when Gleen let them sit on Precious, the main character. The Rushings are so proud of their new addition, which Jenna named Bella. (They had been trying to get a mule pony for four years.) The baby's parents are Precious, a caramel and white miniature pony, and Jack, a white miniature mule. Gleen says the baby will look more like the father and even has a cross on his back like his dad. When I asked whether she would sound more like Precious or Jack, he said neither. She will have a sound of her own.

In September, Teddy Bear and Little Man (both miniature ponies) are expecting a baby to keep Bella company. Toby (their first pony) and Ranger are the other two ponies who roam the fields and play with the dogs.

Gleen told me, "There aren't many of these creatures around. I'm going to keep Precious and her baby in one of the front fields as often as I can so people driving by can enjoy seeing them.



All seniors enrolled in dual-credit courses

Daniel Richardson

The Hickman County Board of Education met Tuesday for their regularly scheduled July meeting. The agenda for the meeting was approved as were the minutes from the June 21 meeting and the treasury report. There were no visitors to be received.

Hickman County Elementary School Principal Jan Johnson gave a report that she had sent out supply lists to all of the parents. She also reported that the elementary school would have a large kindergarten class this year with 25 children presently enrolled. She said that they would not have a definite count until the first day of school.

High School Principal Larry Farlee told the board that he and Superintendent Kenny Wilson were having trouble finding girls' basketball coaches. "I've talked to everyone in the district with a coaching background twice," Farlee said, "and no one is interested." Farlee has been trying to find a coach since April.

Superintendent Kenny Wilson gave his report, during which he stated that once again, all high school seniors are already enrolled in at least one dual credit course. There are a total of 89 students enrolled in the Falcon Academy, all 38 seniors and 51 out of the 61 juniors. On August 14, there will be a Falcon Academy celebration held in the high school gym at 1 p.m. All Falcon Academy sponsors have been invited, and the presidents from Mid-Continent University, Murray State, and WKCTC will be present to speak to the students and parents. Wilson was proud to announce that Dr. and Mrs. Harry Ward of Ward Animal Clenic in

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The open burn ban issued by Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt is still in effect and will remain in effect until further notice. Residents will be notified by phone when the ban is lifted. Citations can be issued for violations of this order.

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Local Weather

Wed 7/25 100/76
More sun than clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.

Thu 7/26 96/74
Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Fri 7/27 95/72
Scattered thunderstorms possible.

Sat 7/28 94/72
Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Sun 7/29 95/74
Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

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HCHS Sophomore Ryan Harpole shines through Class of Kentucky Program

Since 2004, the University of Kentucky has welcomed distinguished high school students to campus each summer as members of the Class of Kentucky. This year Hickman County High School student Ryan Harpole, son of Marcia and Mark Harpole, was chosen to participate in the program that takes place on campus. He is one of more than 180 high school sophomores invited to participate in the summer program.

Each high school in the Commonwealth selects one outstanding sophomore on the basis of demonstrated leadership, community service and academic skills.

"The central purpose of the program," Kelley Bozeman, marketing director and one of the visionaries for the program, said, "is to acknowledge the impressive accomplishments of some of the state's most academically talented and socially committed students."

Each summer, Class of Kentucky students and their families come to campus for a daylong visit where they meet current UK students, mingle with UK administrators and listen to a keynote speaker. More than 1,500 students, including 185 in this year's class, are part of the Class of Kentucky.

Harpole and hia family spent the day at UK for the daylong event on Friday, July 13. After a brief check in session and a welcome from Brian Troyer, Associate Director of Admission Stephen Bilas, Student Government Association President greeted the students.

Dr. Eli Capilouto, 12th President of the University of Kentucky, the 12th President of the University, completing his "freshman year." A native of Montgomery, Ala., Dr. Capilouto, just completed his "Freshman Year" at UK.

Class of Kentucky participants also heard from 2007 Class of Kentucky Alumnus Mary Ellen Wimberly and 2005 UK Graduate Rachel Watts Webb. Wimberly plans on attending law school after graduating next year. Webb graduated with a degree in integrated strategic communications, business communication and sociology and joined the UK family in an official capacity working in government relations until 2008.

Harpole plans to attend UK and become a Cardiothoracic Surgeon.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience," he said after attending the program. "I was honored to be chosen by HCHS as it is a great way to gain future scholarships and further my career goals."



RECOGNITION - Ryan Harpole (on left), son of Marcia and Mark Harpole, recently attended the Class of Kentucky awards ceremony. He is pictured with Dr. Eli Capilouto. (Photo submitted.)

Trees suffer from drought

With more than half of the continental United States in some stage of drought, what can homeowners do to keep their trees healthy during hotter, drier summer months?

"While it's impossible to keep every tree in good health in times of severe drought, taking a proactive approach for a prized or sentimental tree can support its good health," recommends Tchukki Andersen, staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "A plan that is supported with good cultural practices, proactive monitoring for pests and disease, and response to warning signs is more likely to survive."

Silent Suffering

A tree's first damage from drought occurs beneath the soil line in the form of root damage, long before any outward signs of trouble. After a tree's unsuccessful attempts to conserve water by closing leaf

Opportunistic Pests and Diseases

That's when "opportunistic" pests make their move. Boring insects are thought to be drawn by the chemical and acoustic signals of stressed trees. The sound of water columns breaking cues the borer to invade the tree and lay eggs. Andersen recommends applying a 3-inch layer of organic mulch or wood chips over the root zone at least out to the drip line. This will hold moisture longer for stressed roots to access, and will provide a long-term nutritional source for the soil. Prized or important trees may be protected from wood-boring insects with spray or injection treatment.

Another danger to stressed trees are fungal pathogens. Andersen notes that when a chemical change in the tree signals a weakened state, certain pathogens penetrate the bark, wood and cambial zone, with fan-like, leathery clumps, cutting off the water supply to the tree.

While all trees are at risk during long period of drought, some are more prone to its effects. New transplants are highly vulnerable to drought stress, and supplemental watering for the first few years of establishment is necessary, to the extent that it's allowed. But even mature trees are suffering.

Watering trees deeply with soaker hoses or irrigation systems - as

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County, and going all the way down to Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee. He said the region is already a great place for tourists, and will be more so once the Discovery Park of America is finished in Union City, Tenn, There is also a bourbon distillery going up in Fulton County that will draw visitors to the area. He presented each of the members with a KYGRRO brochure that contains information about the region including many businesses in Hickman County.

The significance of Hickman County as part of the trail of tears is also coming to light. The National Trail of Tears Foundation has agreed to furnish a Trail of Tears monumnet to sit at Columbus-Belmont State Park.

The Economic Development Authority voted to pay $300 for a KYGGRO banner to display in Hickman County. The banner is now hanging in the Hickman County Courthouse.

The members voted to contribute $1,200 to the library, as they normally do as an annual contribution. Pruitt reminded the members that it was time to elect officers. They voted unanimously to elect the same slate of officers that are currently serving.

The next meeting of the Hickman County Economic Development Authority Inc. will be on Thursday, October 25.

School From Pg. 1

Fulton were added to the family of Falcon Academy sponsors during the last month. Since the meeting, Tommy and Sheri Roberts of Roberts Crop Insurance became Falcon Academy Sponsors.

There was a brief discussion during the meeting regarding a proposal for the extension office to move into the alternative school building that has not been in use for some time. No firm decisions have been made on the issue and it will be further discussed in the next meeting.

'I Support Veterans' plate now available

Part of fee will support state veterans programs

I Support Veterans license plateFRANKFORT, Ky.– Governor Steve Beshear announced last week that Kentuckians can show their support for veterans with newly available vehicle license plates.

"Kentuckians are proud of our veterans, and many will want to display that message of support in a visible way," Gov. Beshear said.



The new plates – available even to those who are not veterans themselves – show support for veterans and also raise funds for veterans programs.

"The 'I Support Veterans' license plate will give an opportunity for all Kentuckians who wish to support veterans' services to do so, and to show that support by putting this license plate on their vehicle," said Rep. Tanya Pullin, who chairs the House Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety. "I was pleased to have sponsored the bill in the 2011 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly that created this special plate. It will create additional revenue to be used by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs to serve veterans in Kentucky."

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Ken Lucas said the new license plates were designed in response to citizens' interest in supporting veterans.

"Many people over the years have asked us for a license plate that expresses their support for veterans even though they themselves do not qualify for veterans' license plates. We worked hard to come up with a design that would express that sentiment appropriately, and are grateful for the help and cooperation of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in making this plate a reality," Lucas said. "We are particularly indebted to Rep. Pullin and other legislators for shepherding this law through and ensuring that KDVA would receive a portion of the fee of each Support Veterans license plate purchased. Those funds will enable us to keep programs that help veterans directly, including filing benefit claims, getting help finding jobs, maintaining their homes, and accessing other services."

In addition to working with veterans to help them obtain the state and federal benefits they have earned, the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs also operates three veteran nursing homes in Wilmore, Hazard and Hanson, and veterans cemeteries in Hopkinsville, Radcliff, Williamstown and Greenup County. Veterans' benefits field representatives serve veterans locally in 17 field offices throughout the state. KDVA is also planning a new veterans nursing home in Radcliff and a new veterans cemetery in Leslie County.

"It gives our department great pride and pleasure to help make plates available to the citizens of the Commonwealth that honor veterans," said Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Tom Zawacki.

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District Court

Not an official court docket

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 7/23/12. This is not an official docket.

Jamie Alice Wilson. No/Expired Other State Registration Receipt. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine. Improper Registration Plates. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine.

James Dylan Bondurant. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. 6 mo. Diversion entered. $50 diversion fee paid in full.

Paul Kringle. Pretrial Conference. Theft of Services. Pay directly to city of Columbus, restitution. 15 hours community service within 60 days. $75 diversion fee before 8/23/12. One year diversion entered.

Brooke E. Fazio. Speed 10 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Paid in full.

Bobby D. Jenkins II. Speeding 14 Mph. Over Limit. 6 mo. Diversion entered. Pd. Diversion Fee in full.

Christopher Lynn Jordan. No/Expired Other State Registration Receipt or Plate. Improper Registration Plate. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance Security 1st. Operating on suspended/ Revoked Operators License. Display of Illegal/Altered Registration Plate. Improper Equipment. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Not guilty plea entered. Pretrial conference set for 8/20/12.

Stephen M. Kemp. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. Paid in full.

Franklin Stacy. Show Cause Hearing. Proof shown.

Amy Stinson. Official Misconduct- 1st Degree. Pleaded guilty. 180 days conditionally discharged two years. Enter 90 day diversion. Diversion fee $75 by 8/23/12. Guilty plea signed.

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My View

By Dennis Richardson

Theater shooting

What tragic news to wake up to.

All over the news channels Friday morning were updates and updates to updates about the shooting rampage at the theater in Aurora, Colorado, a good-sized city just minutes from Columbine.

What was going through the mind of 24-year-old James Holmes who set off some noxious gas and then fatally shot 12 people, many at point blank range? Dozens of others were wounded and it seems emergency personnel used every available source to rush victims to the local hospitals.

The movie was the screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" which was showing on three of the 16 theater screens.

One witness told reporters that there were children, babies, and people of all ages screaming, injured, dead. "There was blood everywhere," the witness said.

Whatever the reason for the shootings I hope that the court system deals with this person swiftly and severely. This shooting should not be sugar coated saying it is the "result of a depressed or angry youth."

Sure the shooter was mentally off at the time of the shootings. What person in their right minds would do something like this to fellow human beings? But this was clearly pre-meditated, well thought out and orchestrated so much so that many moviegoers thought at first it was part of the movie stage.

My heart goes out to the families of the 12 who were murdered in cold blood and also to those who were injured. My heart also goes out to the family of James Holmes. I am sure they, too, are wondering just what went wrong.

With local schools getting ready to start the new term, security will be especially heavy on many peoples' minds. Especially after this tragic event.

Something like this could happen here. I do not believe that it would happen here. But again, it could.

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In Courage

By Beth Amonett

Family Means Teamwork - Part II

The mountains outside of Asheville, North Carolina still take my breath away just like they did in early June when I arrived at the first of 10 classes for the Adventure Recreation course (subtitled trust and group building activities) offered at Ridgecrest Training Center. Although I wondered why teaching this to others required a certification, I was up for anything that remotely seemed like it might shake loose some creative, inspired energy in my church kids, as I called them, and get them to think outside of the cliques they congregated into.

A tall, blondish young woman, 30 something, was the instructor of our class that was made up of 14 men and women from all over. No one there had met any of the others.

We started with some simple tasks. Within 20 minutes the instructor knew who were leaders, followers, shy, stubborn, loners, and had the biggest mouth. She learned our approximate potential and what we needed to reach it.

As for those of us in the group, within those first few minutes, we learned each other's names, we had to touch each other to complete some of the tasks, we were laughing, we knew who would try to take over and the ones who wouldn't let it happen. We knew who might get left behind. We had talked to each other.

Who would think a group of strangers could begin to be a team in 20 minutes? By the end of the day, we knew each other better than some we had known for years; we were beginning to understand that doing well was about "we", not "me". However, we had no idea of the absolute powerhouse team we would become; not yet anyway.

We learned to scale, up and back down, a 12-foot wall with nothing but a 4-foot rope and each other. We managed to get everyone safely up a tree, into a harness, 20 feet across a 50-foot drop to the ground, and to the next tree and back down. We climbed a mountain wearing a blindfold and no one to guide us but the voice of the one in front of us (only one person could see and was the one in the lead). Each day as our skill increased the exercises became more demanding. Some of our activities were about increasing our efficiency; i.e. doing a task in a shorter time. Lots of fine tuning and discussions took place, and sometimes those vying for dominance would get angry. We learned how to handle that, as well.

In all our exercises, safety was essential and the team was responsible for the safety of the others. Our instructor never stepped in to solve our problems, no matter how long it took. One day, it took us an entire afternoon to finish one task. Our sense of accomplishment, our trust in each other and our abilities, our deep knowing of each other's strengths and weaknesses gave us the knowledge we needed to compensate for weaknesses and strengths. No one was all accomplishments; no one was all weaknesses. Each person had a place and a function in the team; each one was needed and appreciated.

After each exercise, we took some time and debriefed. What were our mistakes? How could we do it better? What did we do well? What did we learn about ourselves? Something kind of wonderful happened. While we were climbing walls outside, it was the thick walls of anger, selfishness, shame and rejection that had built up inside that came down. Unlike the reality shows of today, no one was sent away or voted off. As we learned to trust others, we learned we could trust ourselves and be trustworthy. We cried, we laughed, we cavorted and frolicked, we PLAYED, for goodness sake!

Sometimes at the end of the day, I had to dig dirt out of the pockets of my jeans. I saw grown men cry and women become forever sisters because we experienced something we knew long ago when we were children--abandoned joy. I was happy to the core. I was loved, known, and belonged. I was safe.

What would happen if we used the tools of trust and group building with our families? Family means a lot of things, but it should also be a team. Shouldn't it? It seems to me, that if we experienced more of true team dynamics, we would subvert many of the problems of isolation, loneliness, and lack of purpose we see today in every age group.

Although I meant to finish this series with Part II, it seems there will be a Part III next week. There are five foundation points in a team.

They are: loyalty, trust, respect, common purpose, and vision. That is for next week.

One of the last exercises our team accomplished together was something we couldn't have imagined that first day. Each of us from the most timid to brave, heavy to light weight, men and women performed more than one perfect belly first, wide open, trust dive off the top of the 12-foot bleachers at the ball field. When it was my turn, as I flew through the air toward our team there was no fear. I knew them, we were as one, their arms were tightly woven together in a perfect cradle; I had been there before. When they caught me I was safe, and as the sun set that night each of us took turn after turn drinking in the warmth . . . sealing the memory before we headed home to our families. We were better than we had been, changed, and eager to pass it on.

Thank you for sharing your time with me. Please let me hear from you. Until next week . . . in courage, my friend.

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Community News

Area Obituaries

Danny "Indian" Stephens

Danny "Indian" Stephens, 61, of So. Fulton, Tenn., formerly of Clinton, died 4:10 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at his home

He was a self employed carpenter.

Surviving are one son, Shane Ray Stephens of Fulgham; seven sisters, Molly Hill of Olive Branch, Miss., Mildred Shumate of Tiptonville, Tenn., Brenda Massey, Vicky Stephens, Nancy Stephens, Betty Stephens and Debbie Baker, all of Clinton and one brother, Landy Stephens of Memphis, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Jo Stephens and Syvila Stephens; and one brother, Moe Stephens. His parents were George "Buddy" Harold Stephens and Ruth Bennett (Hales) Stephens.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 21 at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton. Rev. Rocky James officiated, with burial in Clinton City Cemetery.



Dorothea Claud

Dorothea Belle Craddock Claud, 91, of Clinton, Ky. died at 12 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF Nursing Home.

She was a member of Oakwood United Methodist Church and a homemaker and seamstress.

Surviving are her husband, Robert "Bob" Fulton Claud, Jr.; two sons, Robert W. (LaDonna) Claud of Clinton and Kenneth Lee (Janice) Claud of Murray, Ky.; one daughter, Marie Annette (Don) Buckman of Uniontown, Ky,; three grandchildren, Wendy Claud (Greg) Stairs of Clinton, Joseph Tyler Buckman and Jessica Marie Buckman, both of Uniontown; and three great-grandchildren, Dustin Ryan Trevino, Ashleigh Danlelle Trevino and Trent Stairs, all of Clinton.

She was preceded in death by one son, Phillip Joseph Claud; one brother, John Wesley Craddock and one sister, Elizabeth Fortner. Her parents were Clarence and Bertha Everett Craddock.

Services will be at 11 a.m Tuesday, July 24 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Rev. Aaron Dowdy and Chris Clark will officiate, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

Wesley U.M.C. Revival August 12-15

Wesley United Methodist Church Rivival will be Sunday, Aug. 12 thru Wednesday, Aug. 15. Pot luck meal at 5 p.m. Sunday night. Preaching each night at 7 p.m. Special music each night. Visiting minister is Rev. Lynn McWhorter from Abundant Life Worship Center in Calvert City, Ky.

Host minister is Rev. Jim Watson.

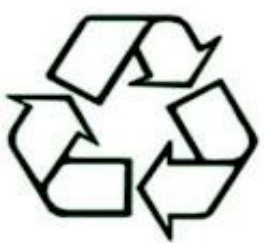
Everyone welcome.

The Class of 1992 reunion to be Saturday, Sept. 29

The Hickman County High School Class of 1992 will have a reunion on Saturday, September 29, at 6:00 pm at Sweet Wood Lodge, which is located on Hwy. 51 at the Hickman County/Fulton County line. A catered meal will be provided. The cost is $20 per person/$40 per couple. Please make checks payable to Class of '92 and mail to Stephanie Carter, 918 St. Rt. 1540, Clinton, KY 42031. Please RSVP by September 8. For more information, please contact Stephanie Ward Carter at 653-2076 or Kara Samuel Ward at 653-2044.

Hickman County Extension Board will meet August 9

The Hickman County Cooperative Extension Service will have a District Board meeting Thursday, August 9 at noon at the Extension office.



Recycling Saturday, July 28 behind the First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

State Agriculture Commissioner to be at Young Center Aug. 1

State Agriculture Commissioner James Comer will be at the Young Center in Clinton on Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. for a "Meet and Greet" and to answer questions. Anyone interested in agriculture is urged to attend. Everyone welcome.

Registration for Hickman Co. High School July 26 and 27

Registration for 11th and 12th grade students will be from 9 p.m.-2 p.m. on July 26, and for 8th, 9th, and 10th grades on July 27 from 9 p.m.-2 p.m. High School students will need to pay their textbook rental fee of $5 per class and any classroom fees will be paid the first week of school in the individual classrooms. New students need to register on July 31 or August 2 from 9 p.m.-2 p.m.. Any new student will need to bring their social security card, birth certificate and a transcript or report card from last school year.

2012 Block Party in Columbus, Ky. will be held Saturday, Sept. 15

There will be a day of fun games, free food and drawings for prizes, also speakers to talk to the youth about the importance of drug awareness. Please come out and enjoy the party Saturday, Sept. 15 starting at 2:30 p.m. at the basketball court next to the fire station on Hwy. 123 W 10 miles west of Clinton and 10 miles east of Bardwell. Bring your lawn chairs for seating.

For more information contact Stephon Macklin at 270-254-0521.

If the weather is bad on that day, the event will be rescheduled every following Saturday until the weather is good.

Senior Chatter with Tammie

I am so excited that we created another exercise room this week! We still need some elbow grease to get the little odds and ends ready where we can open soon. If anyone wants to donate to us a weight bench, free weights, and a stationary bicycle we would be oh so happy! Also, we need a refrigerator for our new break room. As always we appreciate anything you can do for us. I have had several people inquire about when we are going to open our new exercise facility and I am aiming for the middle of August if luck is on our side.

I would like to thank all of our yard sale shoppers for coming out and helping us raise money for our facility last weekend. So many people have asked me if we could have a community/back-to-school yard sale for this coming Saturday, July 28 and I think it is a great idea! We are going to open our center doors to anyone who wants to sell their clothing, toys, household items, etc. The cost will only be $10 per table and the center will provide free refreshments to all shoppers. Please call and reserve your table as soon as possible to secure your spot.

I want to let everyone know that we are renting our center out for $50 with a security deposit of $25. The security deposit will be given back as soon as we check the building and make sure it is left the way it was first rented. We can seat up to 100 people with rectangle and round tables. Also, we have a fully equipped kitchen at your disposal. Please feel free to come by and check us out.

We have a computer lab and I am opening it up to the community. If you've always wanted to learn how to type or just want to know how to do stuff on the computer then my class is for you! I am starting an introductory to computer technology class on Thursdays at 4 pm. The cost is $5 for an hour and $15 per month for one hour each class session. Call and register because classes will begin August 2.

The following is our activity schedule: July 25 Wednesday-10 a.m.Nutrition Education/ Julie Whit; 1 p.m.-Red Cow Social;

July 26 Thursday-Potato Day Fundraiser!-10:30 a.m. Bean Bag Toss Game 1 p.m.-Guitar Picking/Vernon & Sue-5 p.m.-Card Players

July 27 Friday-10:30 a.m. All Around The House-Jingo

11:30 a.m. Senior Medicare Patrol Fraud & Medicare, / Eddie Jordan

1 p.m.-Air Parachute; July 31 Tuesday1:00-Bingo

Our Menu for July 25-July 31 is as follows:

July 25/Wednesday-baked ham, baked beans, creamy coleslaw, whole wheat roll, pineapple chunks, and skim milk; July 26/Thursday-hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed broccoli, buttered corn, congealed strawberry dessert, and skim milk; July 27/Friday-roast turkey, green beans with new potatoes, tomato slices, dirt pudding, whipped topping, margarine cup, and skim milk; July 30/Monday-braised beef tip, noodles, spinach, harvard beets, pears, whole wheat roll, and skim milk;

July 31/Tuesday-chicken salad on lettuce leaf, tomato slices, three bean salad, oat bran muffin, chocolate pudding, and skim milk.

I would like to thank every community member that has helped us with your monetary donations or just a helping hand. We are so blessed by your gracious hearts. Have a wonderful week!

Second Baptist News By Cynthia Walton

Bro. Cory Holt was the messenger in both worship services Sunday. He wife came with him for both services and his mother-in-law and friends came for the morning service and his parents came for the evening service. His mother sang two beautiful songs, as did Brent Dublin and Dawn Mathis. In the morning worship Johnna Riggs sang and Tanner Dublin signed.

We fixed a meal for the Stephens family on Saturday. We had so much food left over we ate lunch on it Sunday.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Danny Stephens and Dot Claud.

Others on our prayer list were Christy Howe, Charlie Cannon, Austin Upshaw, Janie and Bud Martin, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Cathy Howell, Phyllis Bone, Josephine Shadwick, Mildred Morrison, Shelly Johnson, Crystal and Alan Cox, George and Karen Roberts, Jackie Ballard, Wilma King, Ruth Jewell, Emma Griffin, Karen Anderson, Lacie Cross and boys, J.T. Milton, William Moore, Wanda Moon, Harold Jackson, Teen Garrison and W.A. Bugg.

Happy birthday July 25 to Crystal Cox and on August 5 to Alison Burpo, Jennifer Jackson and myself.

Happy anniversary to Ricky and Millie Grubbs on July 21. They are in Nebraska visiting their son Eddie. Also Happy anniversary to Bob and Betty LeClere on July 24.

Many of our congregation were traveling this week. Junior Quillen and friend went to Oklahoma to visit their friend Robbie Goodman, who is pastor of a church there.

Have a blessed week.

The Wilderness Voice By Pastor Tom Hoskins

VALLEYS: It all began over four years ago when my wife had shoulder surgery that resulted in a stroke, which affected her right side, her memory, her walk and her ability to write. About a year ago she contracted Parkinson's disease. I have been her caregiver these past years. She has been on a walker and in a wheel chair and able to do little for herself. This spring she spent three months away from home, March through May, in the hospital and nursing home. I was with her most every day. Her illness, along with some health issues myself, necessitated resigning my pastorate.

Having pastured for forty-three years the adjustment, along with other problems, hasn't been easy to transition. Some days I feel, with old Jacob, "all these things are against me." But the Holy Spirit reminds me when I get to waddling around in the slough of despond that "God is for me" (Romans 8:31). Other days he restores my soul when the way seems turbulent by stilling the angry waters. Some days are dark, almost somber, but through the shadows there is a sense of His presence. "Thou art with me." There is comfort. His mercies are new every morning. We may not know what the next day will bring, but we know Who brings the day, and He will call His sheep and lead them with the greatest care.

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By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered March 15, 2012, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the 9th day of August, 2, 2012 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

327 LATTA ROAD, FULTON, KENTUCKY 42041

Parcel No.: 089-00-00-007.01

The following described real property, with the improvements thereon, located in Hickman County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Being a 0.933-acre tract of land located on the South side of Latta Road, Hickman County, Kentucky and being a part of the same tract conveyed to Roy & Glison Latta as recorded in Deed Book 50, Page 392 in the Office of the County Court Clerk of Hickman County, Kentucky, and being located in the Southeast quarter of Section 13 and the Northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 2 West, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the center of Latta Road, said pin being North 75 deg. 10 min. 22 sec. East a distance of 226.82 feet from a point at the intersection of the center of said road with the center of the old railroad right-of-way; thence, North 84 deg. 20 min. 35 sec. East, with the center of said road, for a distance of 118.51 feet to an iron pin; thence, South 05 deg. 58 min. 25 sec. East, making a new line through Latta, for a distance fo 300.39 feet to an iron pin; thence, North 87 deg. 39 min. 26 sec. West, making a new line through Latta for a distance of 162.80 feet to an iron pin; thence, North 02 deg. 45 min. 01 sec. East, making a new line through Latta, for a distance of 280.74 feet to the point of beginning and containing 40,652 square feet or 0.933 acres, according to a survey by Robert L. Nichols, KY RLS No. 2700 on March 19, 1993, with all bearing based upon Magnetic North.

The above described tract includes a 20 foot wide access easement to be retained by seller (Anne L. Peterson, Deed Book 92, Page 688), and said easement described as follows:

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Being the same property conveyed to Ricky E. Toon and wife, Melissa Toon, by virtue of a deed from T.J. Long and wife, Ellen Long, dated August 02, 2007, filed August 06, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 116, page 665, County Clerk's Office, Hickman County, Kentucky.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions:

1. That the real property shall be sold as a whole as above described to the highest and best bidder or bidders as a whole for CASH; or in the alternative, the Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser(s), ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash together with a bond (for the remainder of the purchase price) with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest at the rate of 12 percent (12%) from the day of sale, and payable within thirty (30) days post sale and payable to the master commissioner.

2. In the event that Plaintiff becomes the purchaser of the real estate at the Master Commissioner's sale, and if the Plaintiff's bid is less than its lien adjudged herein, Plaintiff may comply with the terms of sale by taking credit upon this Judgment without making the cash deposit or executing the sale bond as provided for in the Judgment.

3. The bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain, and be a lien on the real property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are fully paid.

4. The property shall be sold free and clear of the claims of the parites to this action, but it shall be sold subject to the following:

a. Current year real estate taxes not yet delinquent affecting the real estate for which the purchaser shall take no credit on the purchase price, and further any delinquent State, County and/or City real estate taxes sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action.

b. Easements, restrictions and stipulation of record.

c. Any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property.

d. Any current assessments for public improvements levied against the property.

e. Subject to the United States' right of redemption under 28 U.S.C. §2410.

5. The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on said property to secure payment of said bond, if issued.

This sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

The undersigned commissioner does not have access to the inside of the above mentioned properties.

DATED the 11th day of July, 2012

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Every Monday:

• AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

First Monday:

• Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday:

• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.

• **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

Every Wednesday:

• 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.

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• **The Hickman Co. Historical and Genealogical Society Center** at Clay and Jefferson open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208

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• **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month

• **Clinton City Council** meets the first Monday of the month at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** normally meets the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall. Clinton's begins at 6 p.m., and Columbus will begin at 6 p.m.

• **Hickman Co. Fiscal Court** will meet Monday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hickman County Judge's office in the courthouse.

• **Wesley United Methodist Church** Highway 1529 has a country breakfast the last Saturday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. EVERYONE INVITED.

Women of Valor Conference to be held July 27 - 29 at Moore's Chapel

Women of Valor Conference will be July 27-29 at Moore's Chapel A.M.E., 400 Angular St., Clinton, Ky.

Friday, July 27 will be the Gospel Explosion at 6:30 p.m. All Gifts of the Lord Welcome. Saturday at 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. will be breakfast with classes starting at 9 a.m. Lunch provided. Speaker will be Marni Ausenbaught of Trace Creek Church in Mayfield. The teachers will be Minister Victoria Jones of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Murray; Minister Tanda Emerson of New Life Ministries in Union City, Tenn. and Pastor Brenda Greer of New Birth Temple of Praise in Fulton, Ky. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. the speaker will be Minister Christal Mason of World Harvest in Paducah. Everyone welcome; Sunday at 3 p.m. is Hat Day Service. The speaker will be Saundra Blythe of Trinity New Hope in Mayfield. Everyone welcome.

The music will be provided by Work 'N Progress.

Hickman County Fair Pageant

It's time to start getting ready for the 2012 Hickman County Fair Pageant. This year's pageant will be held on Monday, July 30, beginning at 8 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Winners in each category will receive trophies, crowns/medallions and sashes. In addition, age-appropriate toys will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the Baby Divisions, Boys Little Mister and Girls little Miss categories. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the age divisions of Junior Miss, Junior Fair Queen and Fair Queen. Casual wear is required for all age divisions except Junior Fair Queen and Fair Queen. Long formal wear is required for these two divisions. Participation ribbons will be presented to each contestant. Please note that the deadline for entering the pageant is Friday, July 27. No late entries will be accepted. If you plan to enter your child in the event, you may pick up entry forms at ETC Gifts, A Shear Blend and the Extension Office in Clinton. A downloadable form will also be available on the Hickman County Times website. For additional information, please contact Stephanie Carter or Kris Templeton. We look forward to seeing you at the fair.

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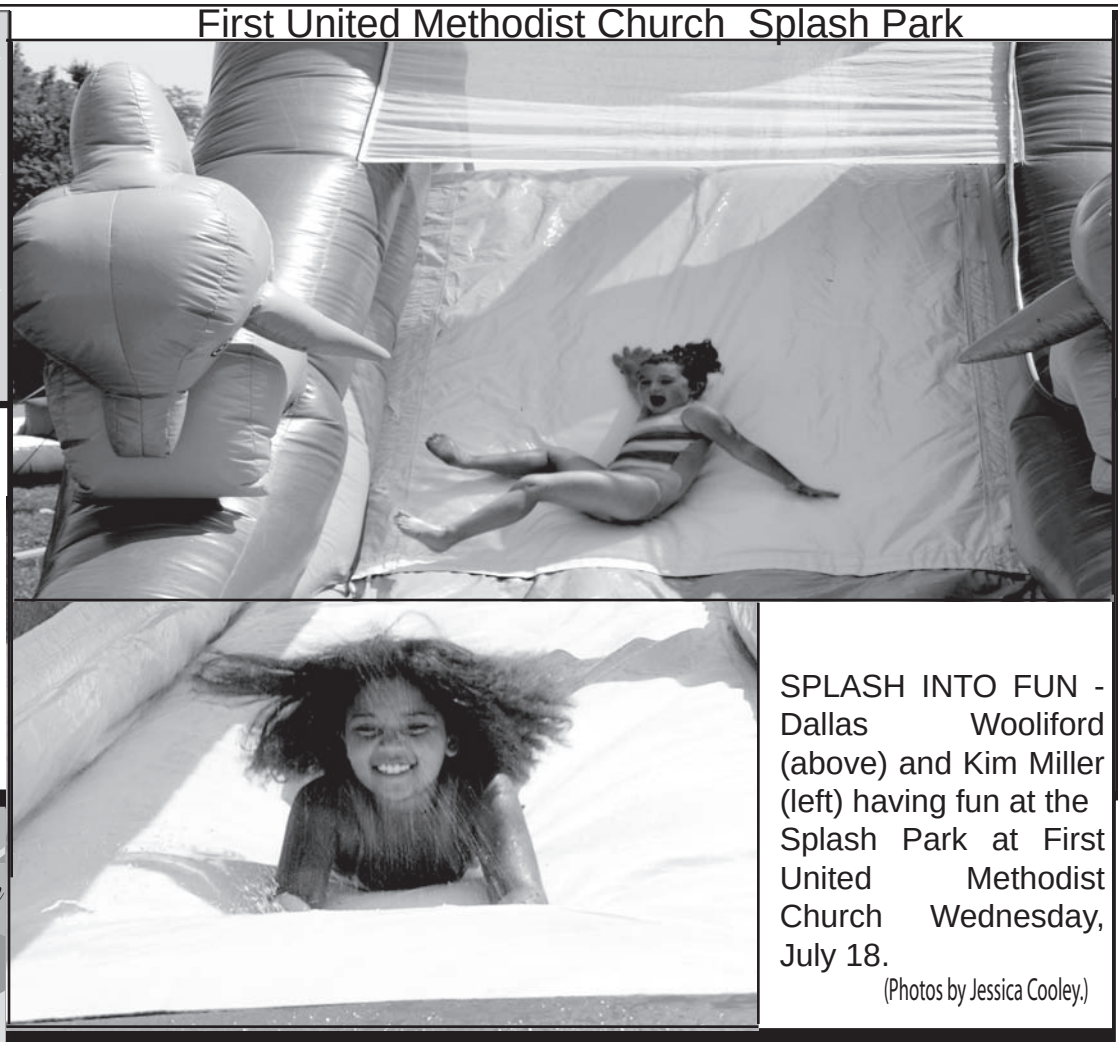
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SPLASH INTO FUN - Dallas Wooliford (above) and Kim Miller (left) having fun at the Splash Park at First United Methodist Church Wednesday, July 18.
(Photos by Jessica Cooley.)

Fulton and Hickman Counties Church Page

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We at the Hickman County Memorial Library want to thank everyone for the donations of books for our library. We are getting more books then we can use or have room for. We now have six (6) sets of encyclopedias and dictionaries. Please don't bring us anymore. You can take them to Goodwill in Mayfield or recycle them on the fourth Saturday of the month when we have recycling in Clinton. (Pavilion behind the Methodist Church). I have four boxes of books in my office as well as books on shelves in our storage room, we are like you, more books than we know what to do with. We cannot use school textbooks, workbooks or books older than 2008. We have new books coming in about every two months and we need room for them. Thank you again for thinking of us. We have three shelves of books for sale, paperbacks at 10 cents-50 cents and hardback books at one dollar. Come by and check us out Tuesday through Friday from 2:00 PM-5:00 PM and on Saturday from 9:30-12:30.

From - Alma Blair, Library Director

CRP Participants May Request Authorization to Conduct Emergency Haying or Grazing of CRP Acres

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces the opportunity for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants to request authorization to conduct emergency haying or grazing on specific CRP Acres. Authorization is based on the current U. S. Drought D2 or higher designation for Hickman/ Fulton County. Eligible producers who are interested in Emergency Haying or Grazing of CRP land located in Hickman/Fulton County must request and obtain individual written approval from FSA before any haying or grazing starts. Participants will be assessed a 10 percent payment reduction on their annual rental payment for the acres actually hayed or grazed.

Interested CRP participants are required to submit a request to FSA and obtain a modified conservation plan to hay and/or graze under emergency provision. The same acres may not be hayed and grazed under the same emergency designation. Emergency haying or grazing is not allowed within 120 feet of any stream or water body. Specified portions of each field or contiguous fields must be left or grazed with limited stock for wildlife purposes.

Emergency haying or grazing is restricted to specific practices that are 12 months past being determined as fully established by the agency. Introduced and permanent native grass practices enrolled under general CRP practice eligibility are among those eligible practices. Approved emergency haying and grazing may not start until August 2. Approved haying authorization will end not later than August 31st. Approved grazing authorization will end not later than September 30th.

To take advantage of the emergency haying and grazing provisions, approved participants can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying or grazing. If land is rented or leased it may not be rented/leased for more than the applicable payment reduction applied for the emergency authorization.

For more information and to request approval for emergency haying or grazing of CRP acres, contact the Clinton FSA Service Center at 270-653-2721.

'Click It or Ticket' cites over 19,000 unrestrained motorists

Aggressive 2-week enforcement campaign encourages seat belt use

FRANKFORT, Ky. – This year's Click It or Ticket enforcement effort, coordinated by the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS), resulted in citations to 19,594 motorists for not buckling up.

The annual campaign, supported by more than 220 state and local law enforcement agencies, was held May 21-June 3.

The campaign's main objective was to encourage seat belt usage through enforcement of Kentucky's seat belt law. In the process, officers at 642 traffic safety checkpoints throughout the Commonwealth also made 1,103 drunken driving arrests, 1,392 felony arrests, and 1,119 drug arrests. They recovered 53 stolen vehicles and apprehended 1,757 fugitives. They also cited 10,658 drivers for speeding, 419 for reckless driving and 5,072 people for having no proof of automobile insurance.

"The goal of the Click It or Ticket campaign is not to write tickets, but to save lives," said Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock. "We want to educate the public on the importance of wearing a seat belt and to reduce deaths and injuries along our roadways. It's an extra benefit when traffic enforcement leads to criminal enforcement."

KOHS Director Bill Bell said law enforcement agencies are an invaluable resource in reducing deaths and injuries on Kentucky roadways. "We believe our educational efforts are strengthened by working closely with law enforcement throughout the year to promote our highway safety messages," said Bell.

The campaign placed extra emphasis on nighttime enforcement, since that is when passenger vehicle occupants are least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in crashes. Last year, 67 percent of people killed in motor vehicle crashes between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. were unrestrained.

There were 721 total highway fatalities in Kentucky in 2011 with 576 killed in motor vehicles. Fifty-eight percent of those killed in motor vehicles were not wearing a seat belt.

"We're pleased with the results of this year's Click It or Ticket campaign," said Bell. "The partnership between all the agencies involved was tremendous. If one life was saved, it was well worth the effort."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat belts, when worn correctly, are proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by 45 percent – and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans.

A glimpse of the Mississippi River and Great River Road via Minnesota

Charlotte Smith

This summer after traveling to Alabama and Minnesota I discovered that these two states, on opposite ends of the United States, share two things in common with the bluegrass state - the Mississippi River and the Great River Road. After realizing the significance of this, I set out to learn a little about the Mississippi River and the Great River Road while in Minnesota.

The Mississippi River, the largest river on the North American continent, begins in Lake Itasca, Minnesota, commonly known as the headwaters. The river and its tributaries drain 1,247,000 square miles down into the Gulf of Mexico, equivalent to one third of the land area of the United States.

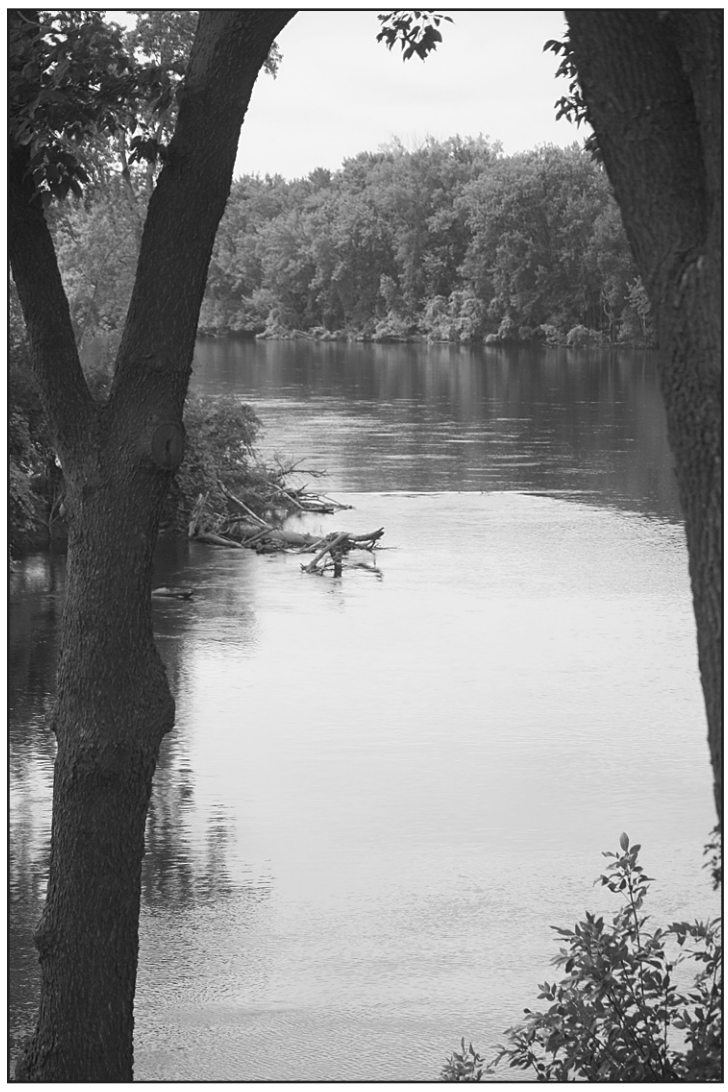
Another surprising discovery were the number of waterfalls located in Minnesota and how the Mississippi River gorge between Minneapolis and St. Paul is home to a remarkable number of these waterfalls. While I didn't get a chance to view one firsthand, I did hear that they are quite spectacular and worth the visit. "Nowhere else along the river can one find such a concentration," states a sign at the Science Museum of Minnesota in the Mississippi River Gallery. "The Falls of St. Anthony and Minnehaha Falls are the most dramatic and most photographed. Also inspiring are the smaller and more intimate Bridal Veil, Shadow, Hidden, Ivy, and (in the winter) Lilydale Ice falls. Fawn's Leap and Silver Cascade falls appear in historic photographs, but they vanished when the growth of the Twin Cities disrupted the flows of water that fed them."

While traveling from Andover, Minnesota to Elk River, Minnesota on the Great River Road, there are several opportunities to stop and view the Mississippi. Our first stop was at Ostego Park. There, the Mississippi River is fast running and, just two months ago, was topping over its bank. Now, it is still moving quickly, but has receded somewhat. Ostego Park is noted along the Great River Road and the view of the river and the walk along the path through the tall trees, providing welcome shade, is worth the stop.

Remembering that the Great River Road route stretches nearly 3,000 miles from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, I soon realized that this is definitely a classic way to relax and connect to the countryside, just as the brochure says. It is one of the oldest, longest and most unique byways in North America. Every town located in the 10 states along the Great River Road route tells their own unique story and Elk River, Minnesota, is definitely one of those towns. We stopped in downtown Elk River and were treated to, not only another view of the Mississippi, but also a view of a beautiful mural located on a wall near the river. The mural, with its own uniqueness, was completed on not only the wall, but also a port-a-potty that is positioned in front of the wall. In the same area, a view of the river as it runs through Elk River and northern Minnesota is etched into the concrete stage where summertime concerts are held on Thursday evenings. When spectators attend the weekly concert, the view of the Mississippi River is the perfect backdrop.

The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, located just inside the Science Museum of Minnesota, is free. Daily events occur at the recreation area and an abundance of information on the history of the Mississippi River is available. I purchased

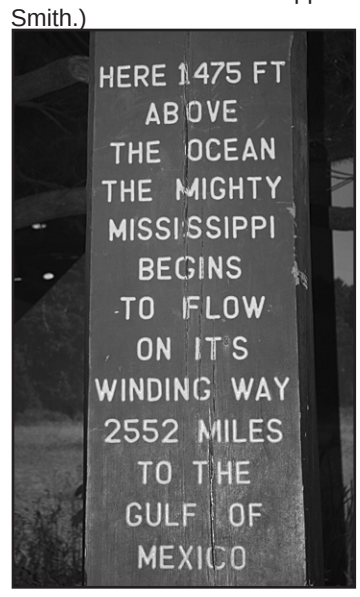
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VIEW OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER - This is a shot of the Mississippi River from the bank in Elk River, Minnesota. The headwaters of the Mississippi are located just three hours from Elk River. (Photo by Jenna Smith.)



GREAT RIVER ROAD IN MINNESOTA - On a recent trip to Minnesota Charlotte Smith traveled a portion of the Great River Road taking in some views of the Mississippi River along the way. (Photo by Jenna Smith.)



MARK OF DISTINCTION - The marker once was located at the headwaters in Lake Itasca. It is now in the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



FAMILIAR PILOT'S WHEEL - The familiar Great River Road symbol is visible in the state of Minnesota along the rute and at the Mississippi National River Recreation Area in St. Paul, Minn. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



GROUP SHOT - The Hickman County Arts Council had a meeting and picnic Monday night at First United Methodist Church in Clinton. Several topics were discussed on the beautification of Hickman County as well as the education of the citizens in the area of Art. More photos of the picnic on page eight. (Photo by Daniel Richardson)

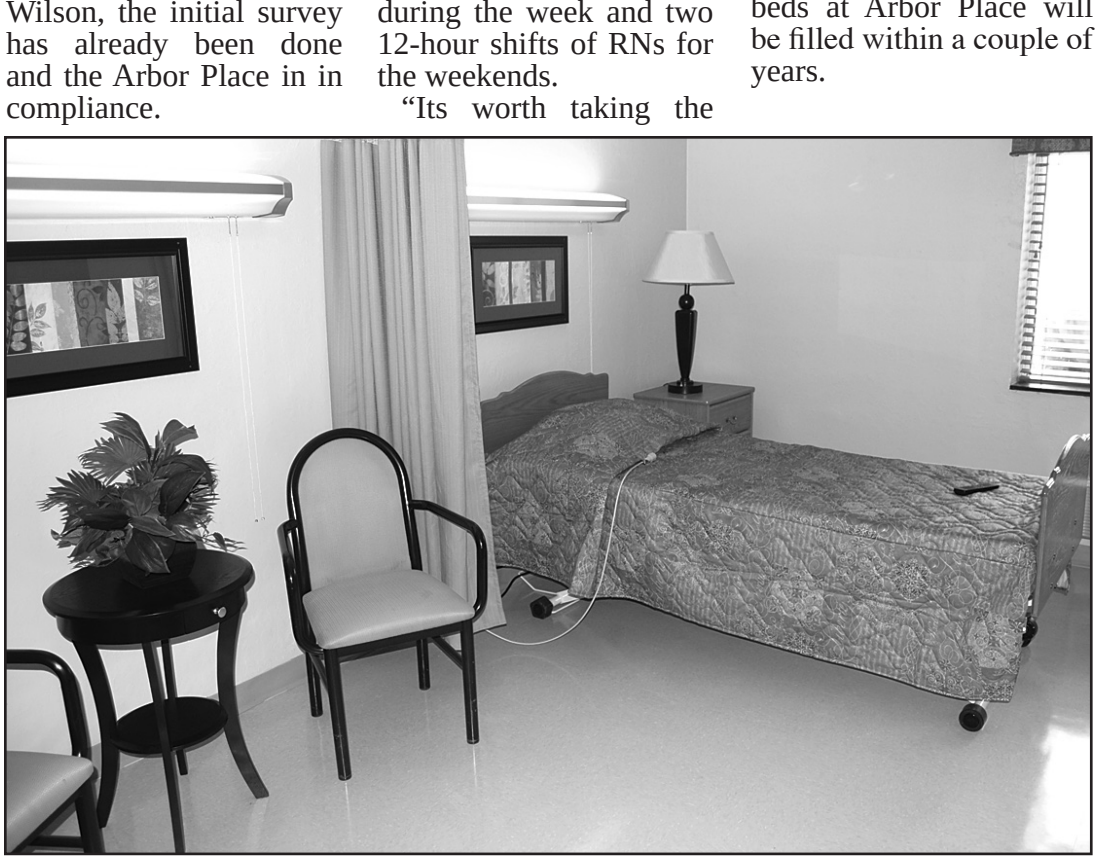
Arbor Place to open in August

The Arbor Place will begin admitting a few lucky residents as early as the first week of August if all goes as planned. According to Trella Wilson, the initial survey has already been done and the Arbor Place in in compliance.

There are 88 beds at Arbor Place and they are in the process of hiring the staff. Wilson said that Arbor place is planning on hiring three shifts of LPNs during the week and two 12-hour shifts of RNs for the weekends.

"Its worth taking the time to interview and be selective with the staff before we start accepting patients." Wilson said in an interview.

With any luck, the 88 beds at Arbor Place will be filled within a couple of years.



PRIVACY - The Arbor Place will feature all private rooms that are well-decorated.



DINING - Above: A couple of tables in the main dining area of The Arbor Place. Below Right: Residents at the Arbor Place will enjoy a 1950's style ice-cream parlor.







ARTS COUNCIL - Top: Ivan Potter presides over the Arts Council meeting at the meeting and picnic on Monday night. Middle: Cherry Pyron, Vida McClure, and Katie Beck stop for a photo while preparing food for the indoor picnic. Bottom: Members of the Arts Council make their way through the serving line.

Trees From Pg. 2

opposed to brief, surface watering - helps sustain trees. But it's very difficult to do much for a large tree because of the massive amounts of water it needs. With so many trees affected, Andersen recommends watering only those trees that you can help. How much water a home landscape needs depends upon its soil, sun and shade exposure, plant types, irrigation system and local climate. How much water trees require depends upon the type of tree. Applying the right amount of water, based on the local weather and the tree's actual need, is the key to using water efficiently. But homeowners often over-water their lawns, which in turn surpasses a tree's real needs.

Drought exacerbates matters for trees already under stress, like those on dry slopes, surrounded by pavement, or improperly planted. In landscape situations, consider taking action, such as moving smaller trees to a better location, alleviating compaction, or replacing moisture-draining lawn with a layer of mulch. A two- to three-inch layer of compost will help trees in maintaining moisture.

Outlook

The aftereffects of drought may last three to five years, with the strongest trees surviving. Trees have developed their own mechanisms for coping with these cycles, but some trees are on the brink of survival and could go either way. If it means the difference between keeping a tree around for your lifetime or losing it in the next five years," Andersen says, "it's worth doing something about."

What can you do?

A professional arborist can assess your landscape, provide information regarding the value potential of your trees and work with you to determine the best trees and shrubs to plant for your existing landscape. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Find Qualified Tree Care" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search on www.tcia.org.

Coach From Pg. 1

pong player in Hickman County."

"He'll be an excellent role-model for the kids," Wilson said on Monday. Dixon is currently out of town on a mission trip, but is scheduled to be back Thursday evening.

The role of Jr. High girls' basketball coach has not yet been filled, but the candidates are narrowed to two.

Look in next week's Gazette for an interview and more detailed story about the new coach, as well as an update on the Jr. High coach and assistant coaches.

River From Pg. 1

a couple of books, "First Came the River" and "Natural Wonders - The Misssissippi River," while I was there.

In the Natural Wonders, Mark Twain is noted for his many stories about the river and his love for it. He thought the Mississippi River had "a new story to tell every day." I believe this is true. Next week I will have more of my discoveries of the Mississippi River while visiting the state of 10,000 Lakes, Minnesota.



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BLOOD DRIVE - TOP LEFT: Jeana Berry gives blood as she is attended to by Vedette Chester. TOP RIGHT: Rita Deweese spent Monday afternoon registering blood doners. LEFT: Penny Flemming shows off her "I gave" badge. RIGHT: Kady Adams is shown with her mother Laura Berry. Billy Holland was her great uncle.

HICKMAN CO. MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Mary Ann Elliott

The Fulton County Genealogical Society visited the Hickman County Museum last week. Jetty Pyle, a museum board member, is also a member of that group. She met them at Ruby Faye's Restaurant for lunch then continued with the group to the museum where they were joined by other board members. The Hickman County School room was one of the highlights as some of the folks were related to the late Frances and Mae Magruder. Some of you may relate to Frances, better known as "Gruder" back in your high school days. Other discussions involved the nickname, Slapout, for the town of Crutchfield. If anyone knows how the nickname came about, let us know. Also, the collection of cameras, donated by Jerrald Chandler, was an interesting showcase.



The Fulton County Genealogical Society meets the third Thursday of each month. They currently meet at the Keg in Fulton for lunch. One of their biggest projects has been to reread the cemeteries in the county and locate ones that have not previously been read. In the past, they have had cemetery walks in the Fairview Cemetery in Fulton. It has been a few years since they did this but have a walk planned for September 22nd, beginning at 4 p.m. Graves are picked of historic people of the past in Fulton and someone portrays that person telling about his or her family and their accomplishments to the city.

Members of the group also voluntarily help people from all over the country research their ancestors who lived in this part of Kentucky.

After leaving the Hickman County Museum, the group visited the Hickman County Genealogical Society in Clinton. Members of the museum are excited to have groups touring. If you have a group interested in coming, the museum is open on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. However, we encourage you to call 270-994-5530 or 653-6187 for an appointment at another time.



FC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Don & Joan Livingston, David Olive, Barbara Lockard, Mary Nettles, Mike Thompson, Dan Weatherspoon, Andrea Hardison, Lauren Kelly, Peggy Hale and Nina Gilbert. (Photo submitted.)

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Announces its policy for Free and Reduced Price Meals for students under the

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Lynsi Barnhill, School Nutrition Director
416 Waterfield Dr.
Clinton, KY 42031
Phone: (270)653-2341 ext. 2039
Lynsi.Barnhill@Hickman.kyschools.us

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown may be eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals. An application can not be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. You need not notify the organization of changes in income and household size.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Households that receive SNAP or KTAP are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP / KTAP case number, and signature of adult household member.

Foster children will receive benefits based on information submitted on the household application or information received from an appropriate agency.

Household with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison, **Casey Henderson** at **(270)653-2341**.

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed military members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

All other households must provide the following information listed on the application:

Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
Names of all household members;
Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct; and
The last four digits of the social security number of the adult signing the application or the word "NONE" for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Such changes may make the student eligible for reduced price or free meals.

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced Price meal policy, Lynsi Barnhill will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis.

If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing to: **Kenny Wilson, Superintendent**
416 Waterfield Dr. Clinton, KY 42031
Phone: (270)653-2341

In accordance with the Sponsor's disclosure agreement, the information on the Free and Reduced Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs.

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To determine annual income:

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If you receive the income every two weeks, multiply the total gross income by 26.
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FBLA inducts officers for 2012-2013

Makenna LeBlanc, reporter

The Hickman County Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America started off its year by recently inducting the new 2012-2013 officers into their positions. The new officers are Paul Barnett, President; Ethan Cunningham, Vice President; Sydney Harrison, Secretary; Rachel Kimbell, Treasurer; Makenna LeBlanc, Reporter; and Makayla Keene, Historian.

Four of the officers along with advisor Mrs. Kimbell, attended this year's FBLA Camp, held in Hardinsburg, Kentucky, on June 6-9. Paul, Ethan, Rachel, and Makenna spent the three day session competing in teamwork-building sports and learning more about the responsibilities of their positions and the importance of leadership. Camp also allowed them to get to know the officers from neighboring schools and regions. The four officers came home well-equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to lead in the upcoming year. This year's theme of FBLA Dare to Dream will lead us to achieve great goals in the 2012-13 year.

The new FBLA officers have many exciting events planned and are looking forward to a great school year!



FBLA OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013 - Officers for the 2012-2013 school year in FBLA are (left to right): President, Paul Barnett; Vice President, Ethan Cunningham; Secretary, Sydney Harrison; Treasurer, Rachel Kimbell; Reporter, Makenna LeBlanc; Historian, Makayla Keene. (Photo submitted.)



ST. JUDE RUNNERS - A large group of runners jogged through Hickman County on Thursday on their way to Peoria, Illinois. The group began at the St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and came through Clinton around 3 p.m. The group raised over $2.5 million for the hospital through their long haul. Above: An exhausted group of runners approach the end of their shift halfway through Carlisle County. Right: Their welcoming party and relieve cheers them on. (Photos by Daniel Richardson.)



FBLA CAMP - (left to right): Ethan Cunningham, Makenna LeBlanc, Rachel Kimbell, Paul Barnett enjoyed FBLA camp.



YARD OF THE WEEK - The Yard of the Week this week belongs to Andrea and Brent Hobbs, 58E 3923 St. Rt. Regardless of the time of year, this yard always looks neat and beautiful.



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